



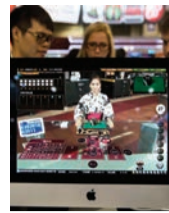
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CHINA Two state-owned companies plan to develop floating nuclear reactors, a technology engineers have been considering since the 1970s for use by oil rigs or island communities. Chinese media say plans call for the deployment of 20 reactors there, though neither developer has mentioned the area. *More on p10*

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte calls off a five-day-old cease-fire after communist guerrillas killed a government militiaman and failed to declare their own truce by a Saturday deadline, in an early setback to his efforts to end one of Asia's longest-raging rebellions.



THAILAND's royal palace says that 83-year-old Queen Sirikit suffered a lung infection but her condition has improved. An announcement issued Saturday night says Sirikit was moved on July 24 from Bangkok's Siriraj Hospital, where King Bhumibol Adulyadej has been living for most of the past few years, to Chulalongkorn Hospital for treatment of minor lung inflammation and blood infection.

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IACM calls on citizens to name pandas



The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) is inviting Macau residents to choose the names of the two panda cubs born in June. Participants must name the duo with "meaningful and creative" Chinese names, and provide a brief paragraph of less than 150 words explaining the reason for the selection of that particular name. Entries are limited to one per person. IACM will collect names from August 8 to August 31. Final results will be co-selected by the IACM and the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. They will choose two winners and offer prizes to another 200 participants.

Local youth visit Fujian on a sports exchange



Last week, the Sports Bureau (ID) took 23 local young people to Fujian to participate in a youth sports exchange alongside other groups from the province, according to the ID. The Macau delegation played table tennis and badminton against the Fujian teams, and were also provided with an opportunity to learn about sports training in Fujian. According to the ID, Fujian and Macau signed a number of sports exchange and cooperation agreements back in 2012. Since then, the two have co-organized several sport related events, with the youth sports exchange starting only in 2014. ID says these events enhance sporting techniques among Macau youth, and promotes the development of sports in both Macau and Fujian.

New bus running between Border Gate and Taipa

The new AP1X bus line will commence operations today. The AP1X bus will stop only at key stops and major bus transfer terminals on the existing AP1 route, including the Macau International Airport, the Largo Ouvidor Arriaga / Edif. Chun Yuet, and the Residencia Macau. The bus will run every day between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m., and from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. According to the Transport Bureau (DSAT), the AP1X will ease the pressure on the AP1 route, on which more than 1,000 passengers have commuted every hour for the past years.

MICE

Franchise Expo with regional ambitions

Lynzy Valles

THE three-day 2016 Macau Franchise Expo (MFE) came to a close yesterday, with exhibitors hoping to increase their company's brand awareness in the Chinese market, including Macau's neighboring regions.

In the Friday opening ceremony of the event, Jackson Chang, president of Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), noted in his speech that MFE has been upgraded in terms of the event's content and scope.

"This year, the MFE aims to become a mega event providing exhibitions, forums, business-matching sessions and promotional seminars; and [to] play a positive role in various patterns of business co-operation, such as franchising and brand agency," he said.

Macau Franchise Expo attracted a total of 17,000 visitors and



1,314 business negotiation sessions were conducted for specially-invited trade visitors over the three-day event.

On Saturday, a series of "Products Promotion Seminars and Sharing Sessions" were held, including "Investment Opportunities in Malaysia", "Taiwan Quality Brands Presentation", "Sharing by Mr. Robert Chua: From TV production to the F&B industry" and "Products Presentation by OTOP Taiwan On

Top", among others.

The Times spoke with some exhibitors yesterday, who expressed mixed feelings about the event. Some said that this year's expo was satisfying, while one company stated that the event didn't meet their expectations.

"We want our market to be known globally but I think not too many buyers came. [...] It's less than I expected," said Heidi Lin, marketing manager of Taiwan-based coffee company

Tummo Coffee.

On the flip side, Marcus Alonso, expansion manager of Lug's Franchising, said the expo is a notable platform to showcase their Brazilian fast food in the Chinese market.

"This fair is very important because they receive a lot of different kinds of people from different country," he said. "It's the first time [for us] to introduce the product to the Chinese market."

Meanwhile Karen Kwan, managing director of Math Monkey (Hong Kong) Ltd, said the expo served as a stepping stone for businesses to expand into the peninsula's neighboring regions.

"The Macau organizers are giving us a good chance to bring Hong Kong brands to Macau and China," she said. "So far, so good. [There are] many enquiries especially from [visitors from] China."

IN response to media reports claiming problems in relation to Macau-focused exhibitions held outside the MSAR, particularly involving some of the companies that represented the city in the "Dynamic Macau" event held in Kunming, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, said that the government "has to be very careful about how public funds are spent, even if it is just 10 cents."

A report from All About Macau described how, after the opening ceremony of the Kunming event, many of the Macau exhibitors left the venue, leaving behind only temporary workers to manage the exhibiting booths.

The media outlet reportedly interviewed one exhibitor participant at the Kunming Dynamic Macau Fair, who ad-

'Ghost exhibitors' and 'low quality products' under gov't monitoring

mitted that "some people took advantage of the government's subsidy and used the event as a free package tour [to visit the city]."

Other problems were also reported about the so-called "ghost exhibitors," namely the presence of low-quality products and other products that are sold as "Made in Macau" when they are not.

The local participation in the Kunming event, that has been held since 2009, is subsidized by the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) with more than MOP20 million in funding.

Secretary Lionel Leong said that the government is paying attention to the accusations and will review each case together with the event organizer in order to "improve the mechanism or the relevant laws and regulations" to "correct mistakes."

IPIM's president Jackson Chang also referred his assessment to the joint investigation with the organizer. "Once this is found, it will be included in our [black] list," to help IPIM to properly review and reconsider other applications from the same exhibitors, he said. **RM**

GAMING

Saipan casino taps into VIP market

SAIPAN, a small island in the western Pacific Ocean, may have found a new niche in the gambling industry.

Ever since the Best Sunshine International opened a temporary casino in a duty-free mall on the island, Saipan has generated USD1.5 billion per month in gaming revenues, mostly from Chinese VIP gamers who once frequented Macau.

Mark Brown, chief executi-

ve of Best Sunshine International, told the Nikkei Asian Review that the casino's success in tapping into the VIP segment was all due to timing.

He said the high rollers who formerly frequented Macau had been driven away by President Xi Jinping's anti-corruption campaign and capital flight restrictions.

Instead, Brown said, high rollers and casino operators

are eyeing alternative locations within the region. Local regulations in Macau have only deterred potential customers.

"Macau numbers [...] are not going down because the guys are broke. They are going down because of things that are going on in Macau, issues and restrictions," Brown told the Nikkei Asian Review.

Brown used to run Las Vegas Sands in Macau, but has

also held senior roles at other casinos in Phnom Penh, Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

He said the Saipan casino is "dealing with the 'VVIP' [sic] guys that we personally know. They are coming and they are loving it [...] there's a lot of repeat business."

Casinos in other parts of Asia that are close to China now threaten to divert gaming revenue from the MSAR. In recent years, casino resorts have emerged in the Philippines, South Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia and Russia's eastern Primorsky region. **DB**

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Gaming staff union wants to ban abusive patrons

THE Macau Gaming Enterprises Staff's Association has publicized a number of complaints relating to casino patrons' abuse of dealers. Six separate cases have been reported to the union in the past three months alone.

The association is calling for the government to blacklist gamblers with a history of violence from local casinos.

The call-to-action came about as the result of a recent case involving a casino dealer, surnamed Chio. Wearing a mask and sunglasses to prevent identification, she recounted her story to a public audience alongside representatives of the union.

"He [the patron] picked up the card as soon as I shuffled it to him. Not only did he crumple it but he threw it right at my face," explained Chio. "What's more? He slapped my face. I felt extremely humiliated and dizzy



afterwards."

Chio, who describes the encounter as physical abuse, has already sought assistance from the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) and the Labor

Affairs Bureau (DSAL).

The director of DSAL, Wong Chi Kong, told reporters that their involvement will be minimal, since this is a criminal case and not a labor dispute.

"The gaming operator has the duty to report this case to the police authorities if it involves any criminal offenses like physical violence," he said, as cited by TDM. "All that we can do now is forward the case, as [DSAL] is not in charge of handling criminal activities."

Choi Kam Fu, the director-general of the Macau Gaming Enterprises Staff's Association, wants a ban to be imposed on gamblers with a history of violence toward casino staff.

"Spitting at their [dealers'] faces is not so serious," said Choi. "Sometimes they [patrons] hit their face or pull out weapons."

"The authorities should ban them from entering casinos if they have previously committed such violent acts," he added.

In response, DICJ informed that they are cooperating with the Judiciary Police (PJ) to follow up on the complaint and that they welcome any suggestions on how best to protect gaming workers. According to TDM, the PJ said they have received seven cases of physical abuse in casinos this year. **DB**

Man killed in neighbors' dispute

A 59-year-old man was killed and another was seriously injured in a knife attack yesterday afternoon in a residential building in the Fai Chi Kei area, TDM reported. In an alleged neighbor dispute, the suspect, a 51-year-old man attacked a father and his son for unknown reasons. According to the report, both sons of the deceased victim are police officers, including the one that was injured in the attack. According to the building janitor, "disputes and arguments between the main victim and the suspect were frequent." The police were alerted to the serious dispute by a phone call from another neighbor. Police at the scene took the suspect into custody. The Judiciary Police is already investigating the causes.

Breakdown on Turbojet network delays hundreds

A general breakdown in Turbojet's ticket selling computer network at the Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal led to significant delays late yesterday morning. Malfunctioning air conditioning equipment that dripped liquid onto the computer system was allegedly the cause for the breakdown that occurred about 11 a.m. yesterday and was only resolved at 5:45 p.m. To solve the problem the company resorted to a manual ticketing system, which led to long queues and to delays that reached one and half hours. According to Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA) the number of people waiting to buy a ferry ticket reached over 300.

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TRANSPORTATION

Sixteen new speed detection systems in Sai Van Bridge area



Sai Van Bridge

IN order to reduce speeding incidents along the Sai Van Bridge and the Avenida dos Jardins do Ocean, the Transport Bureau (DSAT) has installed 16 sets of speed detection systems in the surrounding areas. The systems will be operational from today, according to the DSAT.

The Sai Van Bridge now has six speed detection spots. The new systems will record speeding motorists through panoramic cameras, and will be equipped

with flashlights. Four of the 16 sets will be displayed along the road from Avenida Panorâmica do Lago Sai Van to the bridge. Three will be installed on each direction of the bridge in the segment close to Barra.

The DSAT has also installed more speed detection systems along the Avenida dos Jardins do Ocean, towards the entry point of Ponte Nobre de Carvalho. This system will also begin scanning for speeding incidents today.

The Sai Van Bridge opened

more than ten years ago. According to the DSAT, parts of the equipment installed on the bridge have already worn out. By investing in these new systems, the department expects to enhance its inspection capabilities and to promote safer transportation in the area.

In view of the transportation regulations concerning the Sai Van Bridge, vehicles on the bridge are subject to a maximum speed limit of 80 km/h on the upper arc, and 40 km/h on both ends.

Immigration department cracks false employment case

THE Immigration Department of the Public Security Police Force (PSP) has investigated and solved a false employment case. The investigation exposed an individual who profited illegally, by making use of the quota of non-resident workers to assist foreigners in obtaining a Macau visa.

The case happened last month. The Investigation Subdivision of the Immigration Department was handling a forged document case when an abnormal employment record of a local woman was detected. The record showed that she applied for the employment of non-resident workers several times but then quickly proceeded to cancel the applications soon after.

According to PSP, it was suspected that somebody was providing assistance to non-resident workers in order to profit illegally.

Upon investigation, a Vietnamese woman admitted that she had benefited by cooperating with a local woman in assisting others to

more easily obtain a local visa by submitting an application for the non-resident worker quota. PSP then sent the two suspects to the Public Prosecutions Office for their involvement in several "forged document" cases.

In a statement, PSP said that it has strengthened its cooperation with Chinese consulates in various countries by adopting the appropriate measures to together stop the occurrence of illegal activity in obtaining a visa in Macau. The PSP informed that it has established a sustainable routine reporting mechanism with the Labor Affairs Bureau to follow up the situation of illegal use and cancellation of "Authorization to Employment for Non-Resident Workers."

Among the cases that were sent to the Public Prosecutions Office, it was found that staff of employment agencies were using their employer's quota illegally and assisting foreigners to apply for a Macau visa and "Authorization to Stay for Non-Resident Workers."

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GAMING

Wynn tumbles as table allotment falls short

Christopher Palmeri, Daniela Wei

WYNN Resorts Ltd. fell Friday after saying a new USD4.1 billion casino in Macau may be allotted about half of the baccarat tables analysts were expecting while betting at its current resort declined.

Wynn, the casino operator founded by billionaire Steve Wynn, plunged 5.9 percent to \$98.52 at 9:33 a.m. in New York, the most in a month. Betting from high rollers in Macau, which generates more than half of sales and profit for the company, dropped 24 percent, according to a statement Thursday. Betting from recreational gamblers in the Chinese enclave slipped 1.7 percent.

"The number of allocated tables to Wynn Palace is very disappointing," said Jamie Soo, an analyst at Daiwa Capital Markets Hong Kong Ltd. "The reductions in bets indicates the continuous weak demand

in the market, and the real recovery sign for Wynn and the gaming market in Macau has yet to be seen."

The results disappointed investors who had sent the shares on a rally earlier this week after Las Vegas Sands Corp. founder Sheldon Adelson said the Macau market had bottomed out. Macau's gaming industry has been in a two-year slump since the government in Beijing began cracking down on corruption, leading high

rollers to cut back on their spending. Even with the slow-down, Macau casino operators are in the midst of a building boom. Las Vegas Sands Corp. will debut its \$2.7 billion Parisian casino on Sept. 13.

Wynn Resorts said it expects Wynn Palace to get approval for just 100 tables by the local government while analysts expected as many as 250 tables when the resort opens Aug. 22. The company said it will move about 250 tables from its original resort in Macau to the new one to ensure the property has enough spots for would-be players. Macau is the only locale in China where casino gambling is legal. The local government determines how many gaming tables each casino may offer.

"We established a long time ago various scenarios where we can operate from 100 tables to 280 tables," Wynn, the company's chief executive officer, said on a conference call with

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investors last week.

Wynn Macau shares dropped 5.5 percent to HKD12.60 in Hong Kong trading Friday. Last year, Wynn expressed frustration with the allocation process, saying on a conference call with investors that his new resort, the Wynn Palace, was designed to accommodate as many as 500 tables.

While betting declined last quarter, Wynn's sales and profit in Macau rose because players lost a greater percentage of what they bet, the company said. Adjusted earnings in Macau before interest, taxes,

depreciation and amortization rose 9.8 percent to \$190.4 million. Revenue climbed 3.6 percent to \$639.3 million.

Wynn posted total earnings and sales that topped analysts' estimates. Profit excluding some items was \$1.07 a share, the Las Vegas-based company said. That compared with the 98 cent-average of 12 projections compiled by Bloomberg. Sales of \$1.06 billion beat the average \$1.03 billion prediction.

Ebitda in Las Vegas was little changed at \$122.3 million as casino and non-casino revenue slipped. **Bloomberg**



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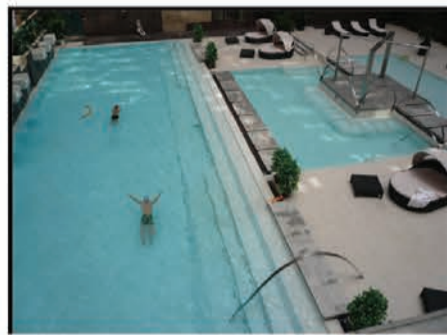


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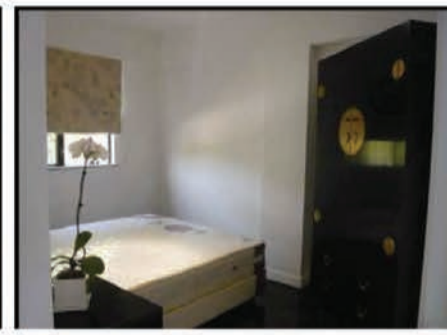
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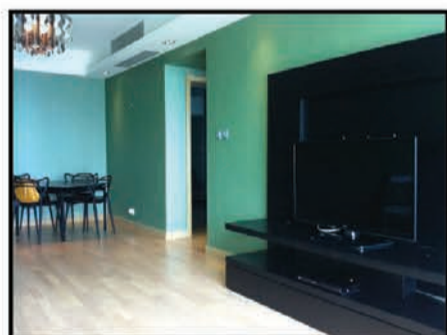


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Less 'dripping air con' fines during first semester

OVER the first six months of 2016, the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) has registered fewer complaints and issued less fines regarding dripping air conditioning equipment, according to Lau Iu Kun, chief of the Division of Inspection of IACM's Department of Environment, Hygiene and Licensing.

At a press conference on Friday and after the Times sent questions to IACM, Lau presented data indicating that the number of complaints and notices had decreased from 702 in 2014 to 559 this year.

Overall, the number of complaints decreased by about 19 percent compared to 2015.

Regarding the department's fines and subsequent legal action taken against owners of faulty A/C equipment, the figures dipped slightly from 108 registered fines in 2015 to 102 in 2016, compared to 74 fines in 2014.

According to Lau Iu Kun, the decrease is due to the IACM's "awareness work that has been ongoing [...] in the buildings and condominiums" and the



"rising civic awareness of the population," he said, adding that the IACM "did several awa-

reness campaigns on the radio, TV and with the distribution of leaflets."

Lau added that as of March 2016, the IACM had issued a total of 1,345 notices to buildings to gain the attention of residents with faulty A/C equipment. He said most of the problems had to do with the installation of the air conditioning equipment. "When we install an air conditioning unit, we must connect a pipe so the water doesn't run [down] to the street," Lau said.

It is also important "to do proper maintenance after a few years of use in order to verify if everything is running well, because sometimes we don't know that a problem is happening and as the machines get old, water drips [and] problems

might arise," Lau said, adding that when a complaint is filed and the problem verified, the IACM will notify the owner and give them a deadline to fix the equipment.

"It is the duty of the owners to verify and fix these situations [of water falling in public areas]," he said. "It disturbs the passers-by, wets the public space and affects public hygiene."

Lau reaffirmed that IACM will continue to follow its usual process: "The acknowledgement of the owner [that he has a problem], the civic education and, only after those do not produce the desired effects, we have to resort to fines."

No action in Hong Kong to punish negligent owners

CASES of dripping air conditioners are very common in Hong Kong and the South China Morning Post (SCMP) reported last month that there had been 10,000 complaints this year alone. However, the neighboring region's Food and Environmental Hygiene Department served only 416 notices and prosecuted 0.02 percent of those responsible for the faulty machines.

SCMP interviewed concerned residents and

public health experts who claimed that the puddles caused by the dripping air conditioning equipment are breeding grounds for legionnaires' disease and mosquito larvae.

Over the last decade, 170,407 complaints were made in Hong Kong about the dripping machines. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department served 5,256 notices and issued 12 prosecutions between 2004 and 2014.

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Last performance held at Pin-to Musica

Daniel Beitler

LAST night marked the end of the weekend-long "Pin-to Musica Festival", held at the record store in Senado Square.

Performed by François Girouard, the intimate set was the 14th of the festival, concluding three consecutive days of local artists joining together to "celebrate the life of Pin-to Musica."

Unlike other festivals, the impending closure of Pin-to Musica loomed over the weekend, making for a slightly somber affair.

Yet guest Penny Lam, who attended multiple sets



François Girouard (left) and Rita Cerqueira Portela

across the weekend, disagreed. "It has been quite fun," he said. "I don't think anyone felt sad during the event even if we know the shop is closing."

Girouard - a Canadian composer, guitarist, drummer and videographer - performed earlier in the evening with Portuguese singer Rita Cerqueira Portela, who described the partnership as a "recently formed duet."

Cerqueira Portela explained that they wanted their performance to "celebrate the life of Pin-to Musica," which both artists have supported in the past.

The two played a mix

of jazz, bossa nova and fado music, which Rita described as a "very chilled but very diverse set." They performed English and Portuguese renditions of songs such as Fiona Apple's "Why Try to Change Me Now" and Tom Waits' "Blue Valentine", as well as hits from Frank Sinatra.

Solo artist KIRSTEN performed yesterday evening in Mandarin and English, accompanied by her guitar. She told the small audience that she had written the final song of her set only hours before, admitting that the piece was not yet finished and was lacking lyrics.

Nevertheless, one English word was clearly discernible, heard multiple times throughout the two-minute track: "good-bye."

Chinese investors buy Caesars' games unit for USD4.4 billion

Edward Dufner, Daryl Loo

INVESTORS led by Chinese online games developer Shanghai Giant Network Technology Co. agreed to buy Caesars Entertainment Corp.'s online casino-style games unit Playtika Ltd. for USD4.4 billion in cash, even as gambling remains illegal in mainland China.

The consortium includes Yunfeng Capital, the private equity company founded by Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. Chairman Jack Ma, China Oceanwide Holdings Group Co., China Minsheng Trust Co., and Hony Capital Fund, the purchasers said Sunday in a statement. Playtika will remain independently run from its headquarters in Herliya, Israel, they said.

The deal gives the Chinese buyers a foothold in a fast-growing segment of the gaming industry, as users turn to mobile applications over the PC- and console-based systems. Organized gambling is illegal in China with the exception of licensed casinos in Macau, and while rules aren't clear for online games, authorities have regularly raided operators.

"Despite the legal issues in China, these Chinese investors are more comfortable playing the long game," Union Gaming Group LLC analyst Grant Govertsen said. "Online gaming, eventually, should be massive after the various regulatory hurdles are worked out even if it takes a

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UNION GAMING GROUP ANALYST



significant number of years."

Police in Zhejiang province arrested 36 suspects involved in a lottery-based online gambling operator worth more than 100 million yuan (USD15 million), Xinhua News Agency reported July 1. Last year, Guangdong police busted an online gambling ring that took in \$66 billion in monthly bets, arresting over 1,071 people involved in 199 websites, the official agency reported.

For Caesars, it's an exit from a business that it bought in 2011 via the Caesars Interactive Entertainment arm. The unit's World Series of Poker and real-money online gaming businesses

will not be included in the transaction, and the virtual currency used on the Playtika platform will continue not to be exchangeable for real money, according to Sunday's statement.

Playtika was "the first to introduce free-to-play casino-style games to social networks," according to the company's website. Its "Caesars Casino" game, playable as a Facebook application, includes slot machines, blackjack, roulette and video poker.

"We are incredibly excited by the commercial opportunities the consortium will make available to us, particularly in its ability to provide us access to large and rapidly growing emerging

markets," said Robert Antokol, co-founder and chief executive officer of Playtika.

China's Giant had been in talks to acquire the online game unit for more than \$4 billion, according to people familiar with the matter on July 22. The Giant-led group has emerged as the leading contender for the business after an auction process, said one of the people, asking not to be identified because the matter is private.

"Playtika today is a highly profitable growth company with more than 1,300 employees, multiple top grossing titles and millions of daily users," said Mitch Garber, chairman and chief executive officer of Caesars Interactive.

The deal, subject to regulatory approvals, is expected to be completed in the third or fourth quarter of 2016. Raine Group LLC served as Caesars Interactive's financial adviser and Latham & Watkins LLP served as legal adviser. CODE Advisers LLC was financial adviser and Fenwick & West LLP served as legal adviser to Shanghai Giant.

Shanghai Giant, backed by billionaire Shi Yuzhu, delisted from the New York Stock Exchange in 2014 and entered the Chinese stock market after a reverse merger with Shenzhen-listed Chongqing New Century Cruise Co. Shares of Chongqing New Century have been suspended since July 13 pending a major transaction involving an "overseas mobile phone games company," it said. **MDT/Bloomberg**



Gerson Freitas Jr.

CHINESE consumers care eating more beef than the country can produce, and that's led to a sales bonanza for exporters in Brazil.

About a year after recovering from a mad-cow scare, Brazil has supplanted Australia as the biggest seller of beef to China, where a production deficit is widening and imports are heading for a record. Brazil's ample supplies and low prices helped companies including JBS SA, Minerva SA and Marfrig Global Foods SA to boost exports to China by 65 percent in the first half of the year.

While the Chinese eat far more pork than any other meat, consumption per capita is falling while beef demand rises. Only the U.S. imports more beef than China, where rapid growth over the past decade created the world's second-largest economy and an expanding middle class that can afford more protein in their diets. At the same time, Brazil has plenty of surplus beef, as domestic demand stagnates, and the country's exports are appealing to buyers after its currency plunged last year.

"China will have a major impact on the beef trade," said Miguel Gularte, head of JBS's Mercosul

Beef export bonanza for Brazil as Chinese eat more foreign steak

beef unit. "It's a fantastic market for Brazil" because the Asian country has "hundreds of millions of people moving to consume red meat," he said.

Per-capita consumption of beef in China will reach a record 3.864 kilograms (8.5 pounds) this year, compared with 3.029 kilos a decade ago, according to estimates by the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development. But production hasn't kept pace, so imports this year will jump 22 percent to 1.225 million metric tons, including purchases by Hong Kong, U.S. Department of Agriculture data show. That's an almost fourfold increase from 2012, and imports now account for 36 percent of demand, up from 25 percent last year.

Australia had been China's top foreign supplier, but its output declined. That created an oppor-

tunity for Brazil, where a 33 percent plunge in its currency last year because of a recession and political scandal made its exports more appealing to buyers. Shipments to China and Hong Kong in the first six months of this year were a combined 265,800 tons, up from 161,000 tons a year earlier, industry data show. Total exports to all countries rose 12 percent to 736,000 tons.

"There's a lot of tailwinds for the Brazilian industry at this moment," Justin Sherrard, an animal-protein global strategist at Rabobank, said in a telephone interview from Utrecht, Netherlands.

Brazil almost missed out. A single positive test for mad-cow disease in 2012 led to import bans by China and other countries, including South Korea and Japan. The case was considered a "negli-

gible risk," based on criteria established by the World Organization for Animal Health, because the animal never made it into the food chain. That meant a quicker path to lifting the ban, which China did in May 2015.

While some forms of Brazilian meat are still restricted, like organs or boned meat, China now permits most common meat cuts including steaks and ground beef, though most of the purchases are the low-end cuts used in processed meat products. With most of the so-called premium markets including Japan and South Korea still closed to Brazilian beef, most of the country's shipments of prime cuts like steaks end up in Europe.

"China is emerging as the first alternative to Europe for Brazil's premium beef," Antonio Camardelli, head of Brazil's beef industry group, Abiec, said

in a telephone interview from Sao Paulo. "There's still a lot of room to increase exports of gourmet beef to China."

There are signs that demand will slow from China buyers who are "pressuring prices down," Mercosul's Gularte said. Still, Brazilian shipments to China this year will be twice what they were in 2015, he said.

Asia represented 26 percent of exports for Minerva in the year ended in March, making it the main destination for Sao Paulo-based company's exports. That's up from 18 percent a year before.

"There are consumers that are willing to pay a premium for having a differential," Fernando Galletti Queiroz, chief executive officer of Minerva SA, said in an interview in Sao Paulo. "The price gap to Europe is shrinking." **Bloomberg**

ANGOLA

Private investment is critical to industrial development



PPRIVATE investment in manufacturing is critical to the balanced development of the economy and employment growth in Angola, the minister of Economy said in Luanda, as cited by state newspaper Jornal de Angola. Abrahao Gourgel also said the government was watching closely and considers promoting conditions for growth of investment without direct support from the state a priority for the country's economic and industrial policy. The minister said that in Angola private investment is less than 5 percent of GDP, which according to the World Bank, is less than the figures of 10 - 15 percent in South

Africa and 15 - 20 percent in Namibia and Botswana. During a conference on private investment in manufacturing, Gourgel admitted that the drop in oil prices had also led to a sharp drop in the growth trend, which slowed to 3 percent in 2015 and had a huge impact on the main macroeconomic variables including state expenditure. The Minister for Industry, Bernarda Martins, present at the conference, acknowledged that domestic industry was running at below installed capacity and some units are at a standstill or near standstill due to difficulties in importing raw materials and spare parts. **MDT/Macauhub**

Portuguese company plans production move

PORTUGUESE meat products company Sicasal is preparing to transfer some of its production to Angola following a 50 percent drop in exports to the West African country, the company's chairman said last week in Luanda. Alvaro Santos Silva, who is in Angola as part of a Portuguese business delegation that, together with the Minister of Agriculture, Luis Capoulas Santos, is visiting the country to strengthen institutional bilateral and business cooperation, also said that in 2015 the company exported 40 million euros' worth of products to the Angolan market. The chairman of Sicasal told Portuguese news agency Lusa the company had already invested USD10 million buying equipment and an area of 10,000 square metres in Viana, on the outskirts of Luanda, where it already employs about 60 people. The company is initially considering importing raw materials from Portugal and later move on to raising livestock depending on availability of foreign currency in the market. Sicasal mainly exports canned goods and frozen pork to Angola. **MDT/Macauhub**

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"What will I be when I grow up?" is a question we can all remember asking our younger selves. Admittedly, our wistful childhood ambitions of being an astronaut or superhero become more sedate as we grow older, but the question nonetheless remains and weighs more heavily as our time at school nears an end and the "real world" awaits.

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This summer, MGM has been buzzing with intern energy, with a host of programs being held across a range of ages, abilities and departments.

MGM Academy Internship Program: On July 8, we held a special graduation ceremony for the 18th cohort of interns, celebrating their completion of MGM's 6-month internship program. Eighteen interns from three local universities, namely the Institute for Tourism, Macau University of Science and Technology, and City University joined us for their work experience university program. Our comprehensive curriculum provides in-depth departmental training based on a department of their choice from areas such as Rooms, Food & Beverage and Human Resources, for example. In addition to experiencing first-hand what it is like to work in a professional environment, the program also provides basic management skills training, project experience and career counselling.



"I spent my 6-month internship in the Public and Community Relations department and I felt like I was truly part of the team. Before joining I hadn't worked in an office environment before, but now I feel I have a better understanding of a professional environment, and importantly in the field of communications. I am also happy to count the team I joined as my good friends now too". – Calvin Tong, 2016 intern at MGM in Public and Community Relations department

DSEJ Summer Holiday Work Experience Program: On July 11, MGM once again joined the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau's (DSEJ) summer internship program by welcoming 9 students, ranging from 18 to 24 years, to spend two months as MGM team members in our Facilities Management, Rooms, Food & Beverage, Digital & Technology Solutions, and Design and Development departments. MGM hopes to pioneer in providing opportunities for the younger generation of Macau to broaden their horizons and in doing so, MGM is the only gaming operator to join this program for the 2nd consecutive year.



MGM internship for students with disabilities: In 2014, we launched a 3-week internship program for students with disabilities in collaboration with the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL). With our 3rd annual internship program currently underway, we are delighted to have students with us from Escola Luso-Chinesa Tecnico-Profissional, Escola Secundaria Luso-Chinesa de Luis Gonzaga Gomes, and Escola Concordia Para Ensino Especial.

UMAC Summer experience: From June 27 – July 1, MGM welcomed 48 students from the University of Macau, majoring in Convention and Hospitality Management (2nd year), to give an in-depth insight into the operations of a Forbes Five-Star hotel. MGM's team members from Food and Beverage, Rooms, House-keeping, Spa, Sales, and Sustainability, spent time with the students to give them a flavor of working in a hospitality environment. Understanding how important and daunting it can be to choose a future career, our HR team also delivered classes on developing interview skills, as well as how to choose a fulfilling career aligned to one's strengths.

We are incredibly proud to contribute to the development of local talent in Macau, and would like to thank all our current and future interns for their valuable contributions. We wish them all the best for their future studies!



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CHINA'S ambitions to become a pioneer in nuclear energy are sailing into troubled waters.

Two state-owned companies plan to develop floating nuclear reactors, a technology engineers have been considering since the 1970s for use by oil rigs or island communities. Beijing is racing Russia, which started developing its own in 2007, to get a unit into commercial operation.

In China's case, the achievement would be tempered by concern its reactors might be sent into harm's way to support oil exploration in the South China Sea, where Beijing faces conflicting territorial claims by neighbors including Vietnam and the Philippines. Chinese news reports say plans call for deploying 20 reactors there, though neither developer has mentioned the area.

Tensions ratcheted up after a U.N. arbitration panel ruled July 12 that Beijing's claim to most of the sea has no legal basis. Beijing rejected the decision in a case brought by the Philippines and announced it would hold war games in the area, where its military has built artificial islands.

The floating reactor plans reflect Beijing's determination to create profitable technologies in fields from energy to mobile phones and to curb growing reliance on imported oil and gas, which communist leaders see as a security risk.

China is the most active builder of nuclear power plants, with 32 reactors in operation, 22 under construction and more planned. It relies heavily on U.S., French and Russian technology but is developing its own.

The latest initiatives are led by China General Nuclear Power Group and China National Nuclear Corp. Both have research or consulting agreements with Westinghouse Electric Co. and France's EDF and Areva, but say their floating plants will use homegrown technology.

"They are keen to develop that because they have a lot of oil drilling everywhere in the South China Sea and overseas as well," said Luk Bing-lam, an engineering professor at the City University of Hong Kong who has worked with a CGN subsidiary on unrelated projects.

"The Chinese strategy is to ensure the energy supply for the country," said Luk. "Oil drilling needs energy, and with that supply, they could speed up operations."

Russia's first floating commercial reactor, the Academician Lomonosov, is due to be delivered in 2018, but the project has suffered repeated delays. The Russians have yet to announce a commercial customer.

Russia has been "aiming to launch this idea for over two decades by pitching the reactor as a plug-and-play option for fairly remote communities,"

Nuclear power ambitions sailing into troubled waters



A woman walks past a billboard showing the CNOOC 981 deepwater oil platform

said Mark Hibbs, an expert on nuclear policy for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, in an email.

Russia's target market was Indonesia and its far-flung islands, Hibbs said. That prompted concern about control over nuclear materials, leading to a recommendation Russia operate the reactor and take back used fuel.

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The Chinese nuclear agency signed a deal with Moscow in 2014 to build floating power stations using Russian technology. It is unclear whether that will go ahead given the plans by CNG and CNNC to develop their own vessels.

Chinese developers can count on sales to the state-owned oil industry without going abroad.

CGN has signed a contract with China National Offshore Oil Corp. to support oil and gas exploration at sea. The company says it will launch its first vessel by 2020, with plans for 20 more. It declined an interview request and did not respond to written questions.

CNNC plans a demonstration unit by 2019.

A floating nuclear plant probably would be too costly just to supply power but could be useful in oil and gas exploration by also providing heat and fresh water, Luk said. He said CGN engineers told him their design is meant for islands or other remote sites.

Tensions with Vietnam have flared over Chinese oil and gas exploration near the Vietnamese coast. In January, Vietnam complained a Chinese oil company had towed a drilling rig into disputed waters. In 2014, the same rig was parked off Vietnam's central coast for two months, leading to violent anti-Chinese demonstrations and confrontations at sea as Chinese vessels rammed Vietnamese boats to prevent them from approaching the rig.

Reactors have been used on warships since the 1950s. But those vessels regularly visit port for maintenance and face little security risk because they are

heavily armed.

"The security concerns are clear: such reactors would be tempting targets for military or terrorist attacks," Edwin Lyman, a nuclear specialist for the Union of Concerned Scientists in Washington, said in an email. "Maintaining the full contingent of security officers necessary to effectively deter attack would not be feasible."

Other perils include stormy seas — the South China Sea is buffeted by powerful seasonal typhoons — and the need to exchange radioactive fuel at distant sites.

CGN says its seaborne unit will have "passive safety," or features that function without moving parts or outside power, such as control rods that drop by gravity in an emergency. No commercial reactor operates with such features.

"There are questions about how reliable passive safety systems will be in extreme conditions," Lyman said.

CGN wants to simplify operations by requiring refueling only once every three years instead of the industry standard of 18 months, Luk said. That would require more highly enriched fuel, with the amount of the U-235 isotope raised to as much as 10 percent from the typical 4.5 percent.

"If it were seized by terrorists or someone else, that would be a big

problem," he said.

China's aggressive pursuit of nuclear technology has run afoul of U.S. law enforcement.

In April, a Chinese-born American engineer employed by CGN was charged with recruiting experts in the United States to help the company with reactor construction without applying for required government permission. Allen Ho, also known as Szuh-siung Ho, also was charged in federal court in Tennessee with acting illegally as an agent of a foreign government.

Under a 2007 agreement, Westinghouse transferred to another government company, the State Nuclear Power Technology Corp., technology for its latest model, the AP1000. It was to become the basis for future Chinese reactors that could be sold abroad, but CGN and CNNC pressed ahead with development of their own models.

CGN says its 60-megawatt floating reactor, the ACPR50, is a version of the land-based ACPR100 reactor. CNNC says its seaborne unit will be based on another reactor, the ACP100, but has released no other details.

Westinghouse has no role in the ACPR50's development, according to a company spokeswoman, Courtney Boone. EDF and Areva did not respond to requests for information about their possible role. AP

Hong Kong bans pro-independence candidate from upcoming election

Ben Sharples

HONG Kong has banned a potential candidate from contesting legislative council elections, saying his pro-independence stance violates constitutional tenets that declare the city an inalienable part of China.

Chan Ho-tin, a National Party candidate,



HK's Chief Executive, CY Leung, votes in the 2012 Legislative Council election

was disqualified from the September vote after refusing to sign a declaration acknowledging Hong Kong as an administrative region of China, the South China Morning Post reported. His position is inconsistent with the city's constitutional and legal status, the government said in a statement posted on its official website.

"The candidate cannot

The candidate cannot possibly comply with the requirements of the relevant electoral laws.

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not possibly comply with the requirements of the relevant electoral laws," according to the statement. A person advocating for independence "cannot possibly uphold the Basic Law or fulfill his duties as a legislator," the government said, referring to Hong Kong's mini-

constitution.

Calls for Hong Kong's independence have gained traction since the 2014 pro-democracy "Occupy Central" protests failed to win government concessions for the city's first direct elections for chief executive next year. Chan's disqualification may raise questions about the eligibility of candidates with similar positions. He was one of eight so-called localists whose bids to run had yet to be accepted as of Friday, the newspaper reported.

The independence movement has grown alongside concerns that Communist Party leaders in Beijing are encroaching on the autonomy guaranteed to the city when the U.K. handed it back in 1997. In March, the Hong Kong government threatened to bar the formation of a political party advocating independence from China. **Bloomberg**

Macau: Anti-independence declaration 'unnecessary and inopportune'

LAWMAKER Pereira Coutinho has reacted negatively to the possibility of a new Legislative Assembly (AL) Electoral Law, which would demand that candidates declare their abstention from any possible pro-independence movement.

In comments to Radio Macau last Friday, the lawmaker classified the requirement as "unnecessary" and "inopportune."

Coutinho stated that he does not "think there is a need in Macau that justifies the participants in the election to [...] make any statement, because the situation [of separatist movements] that exists in Hong Kong does not

exist in Macau," he said.

The possibility of such a requirement came to light after comments made by the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sónia Chan, regarding a similar rule recently introduced by the Hong Kong's Electoral Affairs Commission. The rule drew criticism from many sectors of society, namely pro-democracy groups and parties.

In her comments to the press, Secretary Chan had not ruled out the chance that an identical requirement could be adopted in the MSAR. She said the discussion on the matter would be up to the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election. **RM**

Jack Ma takes on murky China charities in first blockchain foray

Lulu Yilun Chen

CHINESE billionaire Jack Ma wants to pry the lid off China's opaque charities. Ant Financial, the affiliate of Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. he controls, is using the technology behind bitcoin to record transactions and improve the accountability of the country's philanthropic organizations.

The company began a tamper-proof ledger based on blockchain technology to record donations made by its more than 400 million users of Alipay, the online payments and investment service. Donors will be able to track transaction histories and gain a clearer understanding of where their funds go and how they're used, Chief Technology Officer Cheng Li said. That makes it tougher to alter records, and may help restore some of the trust that's been squandered over the years.

Chinese philanthropy rose 10-fold to USD15 billion in the decade through 2014, according to the Xinhua News Agency.

But the sector's been plagued by scandals and mismanagement. In one high-profile instance, the country's anti-corruption watchdog investigated irregularities in the parent of Project Hope, the South China Morning Post reported. The Red Cross Society of China came under scrutiny after a woman who claimed affiliation with the agency posted photos of her lavish lifestyle in 2011. The charity has since denied she held any staff positions.

That's where Ant, known formally as Zhejiang Ant Small & Micro Financial Services Group, comes in, Cheng said. The project kicks off via a tie-up with the China Social Assistance Foundation, as a number of larger charities consider clambering aboard.

"We hope to bring more transparency to charity and blockchain technology's decentralized nature fits that purpose well," Cheng said by phone. "It means that all the information and transaction history of funds will be more reliable and can't be easily tampered with."



Jack Ma

Its involvement with charities may be just the first step. Financial institutions are studying how to set up so-called smart contracts that automatically respond to events. The ledgers can also shore up security by preventing hackers from taking over individual computers to gain access to a network. Beyond charity, Ant Financial is studying other applications for decentralized ledgers.

Ant Financial joins companies including Citigroup Inc. and JP-Morgan Chase & Co. now exper-

imenting with blockchain.

The World Economic Forum has identified blockchain technology as one of the six computing "mega-trends" that will shape the world in the next decade. It estimated assets worth 10 percent of global gross domestic product could be stored on blockchains by 2027.

"Ant Financial is smart to start experimenting with blockchain technology with something like charity, which is less sensitive and risky," said Ma Haobo, the Beijing-based founder of Hoo-pox, a startup using blockchain to securitize intellectual property. "If it's really ambitious, the company should start looking at how to apply the technology in other financial areas."

For its initial project, Ant Financial is using a private blockchain, which currently only it has access to. The company plans to open up the ledger to charity organizations and auditors in the future, Cheng said.

"It's great that Ant Financial is using blockchain technology to bring transparency to a murky industry that has operated like a blackbox," said Chandler Guo, an investor in digital currency startups. "The key challenge is whether they have the right talent and execution strategy."

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Japanese detained for 'endangering state security'

THE Chinese Foreign Ministry confirmed media reports that authorities have detained a Japanese citizen on suspicion of endangering China's state security.

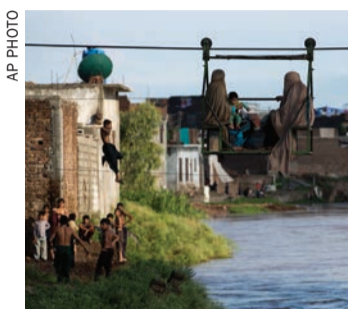
In a statement faxed to The Associated Press yesterday, the ministry said the Japanese Embassy in China has been notified about the investigation into the Japanese national.

The statement did not provide any other details. Japan's Kyodo News agency, citing a diplomatic source, reported that a Japanese man who had been visiting Beijing in July might have been detained on possible allegations of spying.

Kyodo said the man worked for a group that set up exchanges between the two countries, and that he had planned to stay in Beijing between July 11 and 15, but failed to return to Japan. **AP**

PAKISTAN

Death toll now 27 in flash flood bus incident



A Pakistani official said the death toll from a bus that was swept away by flash floods has risen to 27. Government official Iqbal Khan said yesterday that the bodies of 18 women, six children and three men have been handed over to relatives in the village of Sara Shega in the Khyber tribal region. He said three children were rescued and are being treated for severe injuries. Flash floods triggered by monsoon rains swept away the bus carrying a wedding party Saturday. Flash floods commonly occur during South Asia's summer monsoon season, which ends in September.

JAPAN

Tokyo elects 1st female governor to lead city into Olympics

Yuri Kageyama

TOKYO yesterday elected its first female governor to lead the city as it prepares to host the 2020 Olympics, as voters turned to a leader promising clean politics after two predecessors resigned over money scandals.

Yuriko Koike was announced the winner by Japanese media as soon as voting ended, based on her definitive lead in exit polls. She will take charge of a sprawling capital with a population of more than 13 million and an annual budget bigger than Sweden's.

"I am pushing for a Tokyo where people's lives will be better, and everyone can shine — men and women, children and adults, the elderly and the disabled," Koike said, appearing at her campaign office, bowing deeply and waving to cheering supporters.

Koike, 64, had previously served as defense minister, Ja-



Yuriko Koike waves at passersby during her campaign rally for the Tokyo gubernatorial election

pan's first woman in that post. But she ran in the Tokyo election without the official backing of the ruling pro-U.S., pro-business Liberal Democratic Party. During her campaign, she wore green to symbolize her freshness, and asked her supporters to also wear the color and wave green fans and banners.

One of Koike's first jobs will be going to the Rio de Janeiro Olympics as the representative of the city that's hosting the

next games.

Yoichi Masuzoe, the former governor, resigned in June after acknowledging exorbitant, though not illegal, spending of taxpayers' money, including for hotel suites and expensive artwork. The governor before him also resigned in disgrace.

Planning for the 2020 Tokyo games has run into problems, including ballooning costs, the scrapping of the initial main stadium design and delays in construction. The Tokyo Olympics logo had to be redesigned after the initial choice was reportedly plagiarized.

The games are a centerpiece for Japan's revival hopes as the world's third-largest economy strives to keep growth going, largely based on monetary policies after more than a decade of stagnation.

Tokyo makes up a fifth of Japan's gross domestic product, and is home to about half of the nation's major companies. The city is hoping to showca-

se Japan's prized technology, including self-driving vehicles, during the games.

The other major candidates for governor were journalist Shuntaro Torigoe, the opposition candidate, and former rural governor Hiroya Masuda. Masuda, a former ministry bureaucrat, was chosen the official ruling party candidate.

Torigoe, a cancer survivor who is married, was embroiled in a sex scandal, reported in a popular tabloid magazine during the campaign period. He denies the allegations.

Public broadcaster NHK reported that Koike had won over both independents and ruling party supporters. Official results are expected today.

After her win was announced, Koike promised that she would investigate what had happened regarding Masuzoe's exorbitant spending, and that she would decide what needs to be done to prevent a recurrence.

She also said she would work to fix the longtime problem over the lack of child-care facilities to help women pursue equal employment opportunities. She acknowledged that her being a woman was one way voters were looking for change.

"I promise a city hall that has never been seen before," Koike said. AP

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Indonesian police carry a coffin of death row prisoner Seck Osmanu upon arrive at a funeral home in Jakarta



A protester holds a parasol while another speaks with a bullhorn as they hold a rally against death penalty outside the presidential palace in Jakarta

Andi Jatmiko, Stephen Wright

Indonesia executes 4 people convicted of drug crimes

INDONESIA executed four people convicted of drug crimes on Friday despite international protests and said it would decide later when as many as 10 others who got an unexpected reprieve are put to death.

One Indonesian and three Nigerians were executed by firing squad not long after midnight local time as torrential rains hit the Nusa Kambangan prison island where the death row inmates were held.

The government had said earlier in the week that 14 people on death row, mostly foreigners, would be executed for drug crimes. Those executed were Indonesian Freddy Budiman and Nigerians Seck Osmane, Michael Titus and Humphrey Jefferson.

Relatives, rights groups and foreign governments had urged Indonesia to spare all 14 lives but it was unclear whether that had any influence on the decision to not carry out all the executions at once. Lawyers and rights groups had raised serious doubts about the legitimacy of the conviction of Jefferson, who had been in prison for more than a decade, as well as the convictions of an Indonesian woman Merri Utami and a Pakistani man Zulfikar Ali.

Ricky Gunawan, a lawyer from Community Legal Aid Institute who represented Jefferson and Utami, said the government's unpredictable handling of the process was "tantamount to torture." He had not been able to speak with Utami since the four executions were announced and nor had her appoint-

ed spiritual adviser, a Catholic priest.

"She has been in an isolation cell for three days and on the last day she had a very sad farewell with her family members," he said. "Then apparently she is not executed."

It was the third set of executions under President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo who was elected in 2014 and campaigned on promises to improve human rights in Indonesia. Last year, Jokowi's government executed 14 people convicted of drug crimes, mostly foreigners, sparking a huge outcry abroad, and particularly in Australia, which had two citizens among those condemned.

The latest executions did not attract the same level of media attention abroad but the European Union, U.N. Human Rights Office, Australian government and others continued to speak out against Indonesia's use of the death penalty. Indonesia says it is facing a drug abuse epidemic and that putting drug traffickers to death will act as a deterrent.

At the Saint Carolus Hospital funeral home in Jakarta where the body of the 42-year-old Osmane was taken, his younger brother Edu Osmane struggled to understand why 13 years in prison wasn't sufficient punishment.

"His last wish was to be given the opportunity to obtain legal rights like other inmates on death row, the clemency," said Osmane after viewing his brother's body. "He had filed it as I know, but why he's still executed, I don't understand."

In Pakistan, dozens of Zulfikar Ali's relatives distributed sweets to well-wishers outside the family's home in the eastern city of Lahore to express relief and joy over his life being spared.

"We were trembling with fear and we were in state of anxiety and depression," said his sister Sajida Bibi. Then a telephone call came from Ali's wife in Indonesia. "Now I have tears of happiness in my eyes," she said.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said Ali's execution "has been stopped for now" following diplomatic contacts between Pakistan and Indonesia.

In preparation for the executions, a convoy of 17 ambulances, most carrying coffins, had arrived Thursday morning at the port town nearest Nusa Kambangan and were ferried to the island. Officials began tightening security at the prison several days ago, with more than 1,000 police sent to Cilacap, the port town, and the prisoners moved into isolation cells.

The English-language Jakarta Post newspaper apologized

on its website Friday for going to print with a front-page story that said 14 people had been executed. "The failure to do the verification before running the story is completely unprofessional," it said.

Attorney-General Muhammad Prasetyo told a news conference that the severity of the drug crimes and exhaustion of all appeals was a consideration in the execution of the four men. A decision about other executions would be announced at a later time, he said. The comments suggest authorities decided at the last minute that the legal grounds for execution in the other cases were not entirely

satisfied.

"I can say that the four executed inmates had important roles either as kingpin, supplier, distributor, providers, and producer as well as importer and even acted as exporters of the drugs," Prasetyo said. "They all have passed through all legal stages, including extraordinary appeals."

Gunawan said there had been no explanation from officials at Nusa Kambangan about the decision to execute only some of the prisoners. But he said it was telling that Africans were eight of the 10 foreigners on the execution list and three of the four killed.

"They felt they were targeted by the government of Indonesia only because they are Nigerians, only because they are Africans, and their governments did not do anything" to help them, he said. "They felt they became an easy target to execute."

The government of Jokowi's predecessor did not carry out executions between 2009 and 2012, but resumed them in 2013.

Worldwide, China is believed to be the country with the highest number of executions but it does not release figures. Amnesty International estimates several thousand people are executed in China each year. **AP**

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India providing food to laid-off workers in Saudi Arabia

INDIA'S foreign minister said the government is providing food aid to thousands of Indian workers in Saudi Arabia who are not able to buy food after losing their jobs in the kingdom.

Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj said in a series of

tweets over the weekend that the Indian Embassy in Riyadh would ensure that no laid-off worker went without food. A junior government minister will also travel to Saudi Arabia to begin the process of flying home the workers who don't have the money

to pay for airfare.

The workers are mostly employed by Saudi construction companies. The industry has slowed down because of low global prices. Swaraj said India has more than 10,000 such workers in Saudi Arabia.

Indian news reports say

that many of the workers have not been paid for months.

The Indian Consulate in the Saudi city of Jeddah posted photos of workers lining up for free food packets.

Swaraj said that while there were also reports of

Indian workers in Kuwait losing their jobs, the situation in Saudi Arabia was worse. "While situation in Kuwait is manageable, matters are much worse in Saudi Arabia," she said in a tweet.

Hundreds of thousands of Indian workers travel

to the Middle East each year for better-paying jobs than back home, working as laborers, electricians and drivers. They endure substandard living and working conditions in order to send money back to their impoverished families in India. **AP**

Cinar Kiper, Elena Becatoros

TURKISH President Recep Tayyip Erdogan issued a new presidential decree yesterday that introduced sweeping changes to Turkey's military in the wake of a July 15 failed coup, bringing the armed forces further under civilian authority.

The decree, the third issued under a three-month state of emergency declared following the attempted coup, gives the president and prime minister the authority to issue direct orders to the commanders of the army, air force and navy.

It also announces the discharge of 1,389 military personnel, including Erdogan's chief military adviser, who had been arrested days after the attempted coup, the Chief of General Staff's charge d'affaires and the defense minister's chief secretary.

It puts the military commands directly under the defense ministry, puts all military hospitals under the authority of the health ministry instead of the military, and also expands the Supreme Military Council — the body that makes decisions on military affairs and appointments — to include Turkey's deputy prime ministers and its justice, foreign and interior ministers.

The document, published in the official gazette yesterday, also shuts down all military schools, academies and non-commissioned officer training institutes and establishes a new national defense university to train officers.

In the wake of the attempted coup, which killed more than 200 people, Erdogan launched a sweeping crackdown on those believed linked to the movement of U.S.-based cleric Fethullah

Erdogan brings military more under civilian authority



AP PHOTO
Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan gives a speech commemorating those killed and wounded during a failed July 15 military coup

Gulen, whom he accuses of instigating the coup. Gulen, who lives in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania, denies any knowledge of the coup.

More than 10,000 people have been arrested in the crackdown, most of whom are military personnel. Thousands more have been detained and nearly 70,000 people have been suspended or dismissed from their jobs in the education, media, health care, military and judicial sectors.

In an interview Saturday with private A Haber television, Erdogan said he also wanted to put the country's MIT intelligence agency and the chief of general staff's headquarters under the presidency.

"If we can pass this small cons-

titution package with [the opposition parties], then the chief of general staff and MIT will be tied to the president," Erdogan told A Haber. The package would need to be brought to parliament for a vote.

The Turkish government's sweeping crackdown has caused concern among its Western allies, who have urged restraint. Turkey has demanded the speedy extradition of Gulen from the United States, but Washington has asked for evidence that he was involved in the attempted coup and has said the US extradition process must be allowed to take its course.

Turkey's relations with Germany are also coming under strain, with Ankara demanding

its crackdown on the Gulen movement extend to Gulen-affiliated schools in Germany, and seeking the extradition of members of the judiciary believed to have ties to the movement who are currently in Germany.

Erdogan has also strongly criticized U.S. military officials for comments he said implied that the detention of Turkish military officers as part of the coup investigation could affect the country's fight against the Islamic State group in neighboring Syria and Iraq.

Turkish media said the U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joe Dunford, was to visit Turkey on Sunday night and was likely to visit Incirlik air base in the country's south.

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Erdogan spokesman Ibrahim Kalin criticized a decision by German authorities not to permit messages from politicians in Turkey to be shown on a video screen at today's [Macau time] anti-coup rally in the German city of Cologne that was expected to draw up to 30,000 people.

"As the president of the nation that has penned an epic tale of heroism by defeating Fethullah Gulen's coup attempt, we are curious what the real reason is behind why German local courts and the Constitutional Court have prevented Recep Tayyip Erdogan's message, and hope German officials will provide a satisfactory explanation," Kalin said in a statement.

Police in Cologne say Turkey's sports minister is expected to attend today's rally, but authorities imposed the condition that no messages from speakers elsewhere, such as politicians in Turkey, could be shown on a video screen. Germany's highest court rejected a complaint against that ban Saturday night.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier has said there's "no place in Germany" for any side to "bring domestic political tensions from Turkey to us in Germany and intimidate people with other political convictions."

Germany has a sizeable population of people with Turkish roots. AP

Trump cites own sacrifices in response to Muslim war hero father

Margaret Talev, Jennifer Jacobs

DONALD Trump scrambled to defend himself and contain the political damage hours after he pushed back against the Muslim-American parents of a fallen U.S. war hero for their questioning of Trump's level of personal sacrifice in a widely hailed appearance at the Democratic National Convention.

The Republican presidential nominee told ABC News in excerpts of an interview released Saturday that he had "sacrificed" for the U.S. by employing "thousands and thousands of people." He also suggested that the mother of Army Captain Hu-

Who wrote that? Did Hillary's script writers write it?

DONALD TRUMP

mayan Khan didn't speak alongside her husband in Philadelphia because she was forbidden to, as a Muslim.

"Who wrote that? Did Hillary's script writers write it?" Trump said in an interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos. "I think I've made a lot of sacrifices. I work

very, very hard," Trump said in a partial transcript made available by the network.

Late Saturday night, after a flood of negative reaction across the political spectrum, including from his general election rival Hillary Clinton, Trump said in a statement that Captain Khan "was a hero to our country and we should honor all who have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country safe. The real problem here are the radical Islamic terrorists who killed him, and the efforts of these radicals to enter our country to do us further harm."

"While I feel deeply for the loss of his son, Mr. Khan, who has never met

me, has no right to stand in front of millions of people and claim I have never read the Constitution, [which is false] and say many other inaccurate things," Trump said of the father's convention speech. "If I become President, I will make America safe again."

Trump also said Clinton, President Barack Obama's former secretary of state, "should be held accountable for her central role in destabilizing the Middle East" including her support of the invasion of Iraq.

Clinton told a rally in Youngstown, Ohio, that "Donald Trump is not a normal presidential candidate."

"Somebody who attacks



everybody has something missing" she said, noting Trump's attack on "the distinguished father of a soldier who sacrificed himself for his unit, Captain Khan."

Trump is "temperamentally unfit and unqualified" to be president, she said.

Earlier Clinton said in an e-mailed statement that she was "very moved to see Ghazala Khan stand bravely and with

dignity in support of her son on Thursday night. And I was moved to hear her speak last night, bravely and with dignity, about her son's life and the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country."

"Captain Khan and his family represent the best of America," Clinton said, calling on "all Americans" to stand with them and with other families who have lost children in service to the U.S. **Bloomberg**

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ALASKA WHALE-WATCHERS RESCUE SWIMMING DEER IN DISTRESS



An Alaska whale-watching cruise turned into a rescue mission for an unusual aquatic species — a distressed, swimming deer.

The 18-passenger tour vessel from Gastineau Guiding Co. lassoed the struggling deer on Wednesday, pulled

it on board and gave it a ride to an island, Juneau radio station KTOO reported.

Naturalist Audrey Benson said visitors and crew were watching whales when the boat received a radio transmission that deer were swimming in the saltwater on the west side of Shelter Island.

"We heard that there were two deer that were swimming across in the water," Benson said. "So after we watched the whales for a bit our passengers were curious and wanted to see the deer, and so we motored over to them and it turns out there was only one."

The deer appeared to be in distress. It was struggling to keep its head above water.

Crew on a larger tour boat tried to rescue the animal but gave up.

Benson, other crew members and passengers moved in, and with a rope, pulled the deer on board.

"The deer was immediately bewildered and disoriented and it was shaking a lot, it was shivering a lot," she said. "Its teeth were chattering. It tried to stand up but collapsed because it was so weak."

The crew motored to Shelter Island and released the deer. "It was the craziest thing I've ever seen on any of my tours," Benson said. "I mean, you never know what's going to happen but for a deer rescue — I've never even been that close to a deer, I've never touched one — and to have an opportunity to assist this struggling animal, it was very intense."

They never saw the other deer and presume it drowned.

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, deer regularly swim between islands in southeast Alaska and it's uncommon for them to drown. **AP**

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this day in history



1971 APOLLO 15 FINDS ROCK FROM BIRTH OF MOON

On the second day of the Apollo 15 mission, astronauts have uncovered a rock which may date back to the origin of the Moon.

The so-called Genesis rock was found by lunar module pilots David Scott and James Irwin when they dug into the slope of Spur crater, on the flank of the Apennine Mountains.

They were there on the second "moon safari", travelling for the first time in a custom-built lunar rover vehicle.

The rover, which looks like a four-wheeled Jeep, has enabled the astronauts to spend more time away from the lunar module than ever before, and to go several miles away from the lunar lander, Falcon.

There was a small setback when the front-wheel steering failed soon after setting off for the first time yesterday. "It's just sporty driving," commented Scott. "I've got to keep my eye on the road every second."

The fault was fixed in time for a longer drive today. The astronauts have so far spent 18 hours on the surface of the moon in three major moonwalks.

They have collected 76.8kg of moon rock from 12 different sites including Hadley Rille, an ancient channel believed to have been carved by torrents of flowing lava.

But the highlight has been today's discovery of the ancient crystallized rock, believed to be about 4,500 million years old - dating back to the time the Moon itself was formed.

All the astronauts' movements were followed in a live color television transmission with unprecedented images of the Moon's highlands. They included the 4,500 meters high Mount Hadley, towering over the landing site of the lunar capsule at the foot of the Apennine mountain range.

For the first time, the cameras were controlled from Earth, freeing up the astronauts to describe and explore what they were seeing.

At the end of today's seven-hour expedition, flight director Gerald Griffin said, "I think without doubt we've just witnessed the greatest day of scientific exploration that we've ever seen in the space program - possibly of all time."

The experiments carried out by Apollo 15 were the most complex yet, and were originally planned for the cancelled Apollo 20 space mission.

The last three Apollo missions have now been cut, and there are just two more flights scheduled to the Moon, the last due to take off next year

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Genesis Rock proved to be a chunk of anorthosite, part of the original lunar crust and older than any Moon rock previously found.

This one rock helped revolutionize ideas about lunar formation, and gave us new insights into the age of the solar system. For the first time, the astronauts were extensively trained as geologists and could make scientific observations, both on the surface and from orbit.

After Apollo 15, there were just two more manned missions to the Moon, with the final manned lunar landing, Apollo 17, completed in December 1972.

However, in January 2004 the US President, George Bush, announced a new program for lunar exploration, saying American astronauts would return to the Moon by 2020 as the launching point for missions further into space.

James Irwin resigned from Nasa in 1972 to found a religious organization, High Flight Foundation, and led two expeditions to Mount Ararat in search of Noah's Ark. He died in 1991, aged 61.

David Scott retired from Nasa in 1977 to found Scott Science and Technology.

YOUR STARS

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Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You're not out for gain, today. But go one step further and actually be of service to somebody else...

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WEATHER

Table with columns: MIN, MAX, CONDITION

CHINA

Weather forecast table for various Chinese cities.

WORLD

Weather forecast table for various world cities.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Scruff; 5- Projecting window; 10- Floating platform; 14- Wrinkly fruit; 15- Reddish brown; 16- 'The Time Machine' people; 17- Common street name; 18- Purposeful; 20- Consecrate; 22- Health club; 23- ___ fours (crawling); 24- Chirp; 26- 1959 Kingston Trio hit; 27- Becomes visible; 30- Court attendant; 34- Salty; 35- Camp sight; 36- Never, in Nuremberg; 37- Bridge; 38- Lawsuits; 40- Hawaiian native dance; 41- Use, consume; 42- Take ___ from me; 43- Nile waders; 45- Thin; 47- Noisiest; 48- Brit. lexicon; 49- Perfume; 50- Bring up the rear; 53- Constellation near Scorpius; 54- Hawkins of Dogpatch; 58- Knot uniting the ends of two lines; 61- Dampens; 62- Land in water; 63- Aristotle's teacher; 64- Tsp. and tsp.; 65- Back talk; 66- Office notes; 67- Spoollike toy;

DOWN: 1- Deprived of sensation; 2- I've Got ___ in Kalamazoo; 3- Ballet bend; 4- German physicist; 5- Bit of resistance; 6- ___ Pieces; 7- Ill-suited; 8- Sicilian resort; 9- Chou En-___; 10- Pertaining to a reign; 11- ___ Romeo; 12- Disgusting; 13- Work the soil; 19- Tag line?; 21- Stately aquatic bird; 25- Put up; 26- Stately residence; 27- Donkeys; 28- Pertaining to Benedict XVI; 29- Shallow circular dish; 30- Yellow and black insect; 31- Busy; 32- Rasping instruments; 33- Sumptuous meal; 35- Recipe abbr.; 39- Tune; 40- Refuge; 42- 'Die Fledermaus' maid; 44- Smooch; 46- Sounds; 47- Simple shed; 49- Fatty part of milk; 50- Michael Moore's 'Downsize ___!'; 51- Tabula ___; 52- Hole-making tools; 53- Word that can precede bodied and seaman; 55- Floor model; 56- ___-bitty; 57- Exxon, formerly; 59- LP speed; 60- John ___ Passos

Friday's solution crossword grid with filled-in words.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers.

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Electricity - Report 28 339 922
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OLYMPICS | DOPING

Usain Bolt brings light to a sport in peril

SINCE he coasted to the 100-meter finish line in world-record time at the Bird's Nest eight years ago, Usain Bolt has been the smiling face of track and field. He has served as the anchorman of the Olympics — virtually the only reason any casual fan would pay attention to a sport that has orchestrated its own slow, sad, drug-infused downfall.

His tender hamstring improving, Bolt will be back for a final go-round at Olympic glory when track starts in Rio de Janeiro on Aug. 12. If, as expected, the Jamaican wins all three sprint events — the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay — he'll only add to his legacy and cement himself at the fore of any conversation about Greatest Olympian Ever. He already is the first person to win back-to-back Olympic gold at 100 and 200 meters.

Whether viewed over the six days he runs in Rio, or over the eight years he's graced the world with his once-in-a-lifetime mix of speed, smiles and showmanship, the World's Fastest Man has offered track a reprieve from the wasteland of corrupt countries, reshuffled medals and win-at-any-cost malfeasance it has become.

Russians will be absent from this year's Olympic track meet — banned by the sport's governing body, the IAAF, which contributed to the problems as much as solved them over the years. Even with those 67 athletes out of the mix, the 10-day meet is bound to be filled with suspicious glances among the 2,000-plus runners, throwers and jumpers who will be present — all wondering if they'll get a fair shot in a sport that once defined the Olympics but



In this Aug. 16, 2008, file photo, Usain Bolt of Jamaica smiles at cheering spectators after winning the men's 100-meter final with a world record in the National Stadium at the Beijing 2008 Olympics

now is hurting because its leaders have proven themselves either unwilling or unable to stop all the cheating.

"It breaks my heart," said John Carlos, the 1968 bronze medalist, whose glove-fisted Black Power salute in Mexico City created one of the games' seminal moments. "It's a hurting thing to see your peers, their names being erased out of the record books because individuals ran faster times that might be enhanced by substances. And the powers that be might turn their heads, because they had people coming through the turnstiles with fists full of dollars."

Money is always a good place to start when seeking the seeds

of the destruction of almost any enterprise.

But the Olympics have also long been a place for countries and political movements to make bold statements. During the Cold War, the motivation was obvious: Winners and losers at 100 meters certainly didn't decide the arms race, but the Olympic medal count was the sort of scoreboard-driven result either side could use to claim superiority in the increasingly bleak standoff between East and West.

"I remember going over to the Olympics thinking, as a 20-year-old, that it's the most idealistic of institutions," said Tom McMillian, a member of the 1972 American basketball team that

lost the gold-medal game to the USSR after officials gave the Soviets three chances to inbound the ball with 3 seconds left. "Then, you wake up the next morning thinking, 'This is a flawed institution.'"

The Soviet Union is history, but what's currently happening in Russia has been described, time and again, as '70s and '80s, Eastern Bloc-style cheating.

Two independent investigations — one into the Russian track team, the other into the country's entire sports system — have shown a pattern of top-to-bottom corruption, involving government officials, anti-doping lab workers, Olympic Committee members, coaches and, ultimately, athletes who

can profit wildly from going along with the program.

Whistleblower Vitaly Stepanov, a former worker at Russia's anti-doping agency whose wife competed in the corrupted Russian system, estimated 80 percent of coaches used doping to prepare their athletes for the London Games four years ago.

"They prefer to hide everything," Stepanov said of Russia's modus operandi. "They say the problem was a lot smaller than it actually was."

Last week, the IOC rebuffed Stepanov's wife, Yulia Stepanova, the 800-meter runner who exposed Russia's doping culture after being cast out by the track program. She was seeking to compete at the Olympics, and had the blessing of the IAAF and World Anti-Doping Agency. But the IOC said no.

It was par for the course. Efforts to sanction Russia have been tinged with confusion, indecisiveness and politics.

The long-term repercussions could range from an eventual cleanup of the country's track program to a "schism" within the Olympic movement, as President Vladimir Putin suggested as part of the heated rhetoric that punctuated the doping-ban decisions. He called the case against Russia "a well-planned campaign which targeted our athletes, which included double-standards and the concept of collective punishment which has nothing to do with justice or even basic legal norms."

Russia's world-record pole vaulter, Yelena Isinbayeva, is among those staying home. She says the remaining track-and-field athletes will be competing only for "pseudo-gold" medals without the Russians running in Rio.

That's not so much Bolt's concern. **MDT/AP**

MOTORSPORT | F1

Mercedes driver Hamilton increases lead with German win

Nesha Starcevic, Hockenheim

MERCEDES driver Lewis Hamilton surged into the lead at the start of the German Grand Prix yesterday and held on to win the last race before the summer break and increase his championship lead.

Hamilton, second on the grid, was faster off the mark than teammate and title rival Nico Rosberg, who started from pole but dropped to fourth before the first corner. Hamil-

ton, a three-time Formula One champion who has won the title the last two seasons, now takes a 19-point lead over Rosberg into the four-week break.

Hamilton has won six of the past seven races and now has 49 career victories.

"What a race, what a fantastic start. It was just about keeping it cool," Hamilton said.

Daniel Ricciardo was second, ahead of Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen, the first time these

two Red Bull drivers shared the podium. Red Bull pushed past Ferrari into second place in the constructors' standings.

Rosberg also picked up a five-second penalty for pushing Verstappen off the course and had to settle for fourth, after winning the Hockenheim race two years ago from pole.

Hamilton started behind Rosberg at the Hungarian Grand Prix one week ago but beat him to the first corner, winning the race and taking the overall

lead for the first time this season.

Sebastian Vettel finished fifth yesterday, ahead of Ferrari teammate Kimi Raikkonen.

The next race is the Belgian Grand Prix on Aug. 28.

Hamilton got off to a super start, moving past Rosberg, who also saw the two Red Bulls leave him behind. Verstappen overtook Ricciardo from the outside as they raced into the first corner but Ricciardo later regained the second place to finish



Britain's Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton sprays with champagne after winning the German Formula One Grand Prix in Hockenheim

6.9 seconds behind Hamilton. Verstappen later said he let Ricciardo pass him "to help the team."

"That is two weeks in a row I've been on the podium and it is great to

have the race back here in Germany," Ricciardo said. "This is the first double podium for us in over a year and it is awesome to close out the first part of the season like this." **AP**

opinion

Rear Window

Severo Portela



ANOTHER WALK IN THE PARK

The Chief Executive's regular visit to the Legislative Assembly, for a three-hour long question and answer session, appears to have been a walk in the park... once again. The format of the session changed, when, a long time ago, the house rules were adapted to conform to an Executive-led system. With this change, open communication was traded in for a carefully crafted performance on the topic of government policy. The sessions have deadened into predictable recitals, a turn of events that we have come to expect from the powers-that-be at the House by Nam Van Lake.

To appreciate the disenchantment and frustration triggered by apparently scripted redundant questions and passes to the lawmakers, we have to underline Song Pek Kei's candid remark: "the central issues of governance... remain to be solved." Song Pek Kei's evaluation is arguably an Emperor's New Clothes observation; however, she is far from the New Macau or New Hope style criticism concerning democratic development. Song's comment is in relation to housing, health, transportation and food quality; topics that are quickly dismissed in the Legislative Assembly's plenary session so that they cannot interrupt the report being delivered on the CE's recent performance.

More to the point, raising these everyday topics would distract from the true purpose of the session - to show why Chui Sai On is correct and above reproach when he submits his governance to MSAR lawmakers. The tone of the line of questioning is friendly, and - as there is no room for reply, much less dialogue - the Chief Executive can conveniently address the issues of his choice for as long as he likes, loudly and clearly. This is politics.

Several legislators attempted to focus the CE's attention on the recently approved Land Law. Gabriel Tong is asking the house to introduce an explanatory note regarding land repossession, and 88 lawyers joined him, presenting an unusually united front.

Legislator Zheng Anting cunningly used the terminology of the Land Law to challenge Chui Sai On, asking, "what is non-imputable to the concessionaires that fail to complete a project and face the retaking of their idle plot?" In other words, what blame can be attributed to the landowners facing repossession of their land?

It may have been an angle worth exploring, and we underline the past tense, because the wording of the Land Bill, passed in 2014, has made any protest from the concessionaires irrelevant. In answering Zheng Anting, the CE only needed to quote the law. Chui Sai On did generously give us a bonus answer to an obviously connected question - what a repossessed concessionaire is to do. The concessionaire can request an extension to the contract. We have to compliment this very non-litigious answer... while walking in the park. This is vintage Chu Sai On.

His mantra across every topic is "according to the law"... but in regards to the controversial Jinan donation, the CE carefully qualified his mantra, saying, "all was done according to procedures."

One additional note dedicated to the Hotel Estoril: New Macau is once again about to petition the Urban Planning Committee to reconsider or renew the public debate on the historical and architectural value of the hotel. The fate of the Estoril is uncertain, it could be demolished or the façade could be protected through conservation. However, regardless of the outcome, when any part of the Estoril falls, it will take public opinion with it as a casualty.

Patton Oswalt wryly remarked and was quoted by Time Magazine, talking about a man who threw butter out of a window because he wanted to see butter fly. We can only hope that his coded prediction about the future of the Estoril will not happen.

THE ENGLISH BAR BLOCKS BUZZ CELL PHONES

A new English cocktail bar offers something truly old-fashioned on its menu: the chance to talk to real people instead of staring down your cell phone.

The Gin Tub in Brighton has won rave reviews in its first week of business by installing a cell signal blocker and placing throwback rotary phones at its tables. They can be used to dial patrons at neighboring tables or the bar for another round.

The Gin Tub is reckoned to be the only British pub blocking cell phones by using a Faraday shield built into its ceiling, an exception in Britain's 2006 Wireless Telegraphy Act that otherwise outlaws the use of signal blockers.

Proprietor Steve Tyler says: "Mobile phones have killed pubs. When you go out socially, you don't need social media."

Woman in UN bribery scandal gets 20 months in prison

Larry Neumeister, New York

A tearful U.S. citizen who bribed a top United Nations official to get support for business ventures was sentenced to 20 months in prison Friday by a judge who said bribery schemes do "substantial damage" to the U.N.'s image.

Sheri Yan, 60, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Vernon Broderick in Manhattan after pleading guilty to a bribery charge in January.

The judge said prison was necessary because of the seriousness of the crime.

"There is substantial damage done to the U.N. and the image of the U.N. itself," Broderick said. "Whenever members of institutions accept or are given bribes, it diminishes that institution."

Yan admitted paying more than USD800,000 in bribes to former U.N. General Assembly President John Ashe, who died several weeks ago in an accident at home. He was awaiting trial after pleading not guilty to a tax charge in the case.

Before the sentence was announced, Yan apologized,



Prosecutors say funds for the bribes came largely from Ng Lap Seng (pictured)

saying: "I will be forever punishing myself."

"I am very, very, very sorry," she said, a stack of tissues she had used to wipe away tears resting on the table before her.

Broderick rejected a request to keep Yan out of prison by defense attorney Christine Chung, who cited Yan's difficult childhood and "the shame and dishonor and the ripping down of her whole life" that resulted after her arrest last fall.

Prosecutors sought a nearly six-year prison term.

Chung described Ashe as a predator, seeking money at every turn.

"He had his hand out constantly," she said.

Chung said Yan, born in the Anhui province in China, was forcibly separated from her brother and their parents for six years in 1966 by the Cultural Revolution when her father, a painter and poet, and mother, an editor and news broadcaster, were forced into labor or "re-education."

She came to the United States in 1987 with \$400 sewn into her clothes and worked as a nanny and home attendant in Washington D.C., where she met her husband, the lawyer said. She became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2001.

Chung said she was working as a consultant when she met Ashe in early 2012 in Hong Kong, where Ashe offered to make her an adviser when he became president of the General Assembly. By spring 2012, Yan was passing along bribes to Ashe.

Prosecutors say funds for the bribes came largely from Ng Lap Seng, the Chinese head of a major real estate development company in Macau. Yan's plea agreement said she gave bribes to Ashe to persuade officials in Antigua to enter into business contracts with foreign companies. At the time, Ashe was an ambassador from Antigua and Barbuda.

Ng, a billionaire, has pleaded not guilty to charges and is awaiting a January trial. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua/Cheong Kam Ka



French urban climber Alain Robert, dubbed Spiderman, scaled the Fortuna Business Center in Macau, last week.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	45-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	70-100 Moderate
Ambient	70-100 Moderate

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

INDIA Police in northern India say they have detained 15 suspects after a woman and her teenage daughter were gang-raped off a busy highway. According to the police, the attack took place Friday night near the town of Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh state after the car the women were traveling in was attacked by a gang of men with an iron rod.



USA At least 16 people died in the hot air balloon crash in Central Texas, the National Transportation Safety Board said yesterday, adding that investigators are still trying to determine the exact number of passengers and what caused the accident. It's apparently the worst such disaster in U.S. history, and one of the worst ever in the world.



SOMALIA Extremists attacked a heavily fortified police center in the capital yesterday, killing at least five people before security forces ended the assault, police said. Four attackers, including two suicide bombers, were also killed in the attack suspected to be by the Islamic extremist group al-Shabab, said police Capt. Mohamed Hussein.

TUNISIA's parliament passed a vote of no confidence in Prime Minister Habib Essid on Saturday, effectively disbanding the government of the U.S.-trained agricultural economist. The no-confidence motion was passed by 118 votes, easily crossing the country's 109-vote threshold after a debate that stretched late into the night.

EU It seems that the strong start to the year was another false dawn for the eurozone economy and that the European Central Bank will have more to do in the months ahead to shore up growth. New figures released Friday confirmed that the Eurozone suffered a sizeable slowdown in the second quarter of the year despite a number of stimulus measures that the European Central Bank has thrown at it.